

Senate Bill 212

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AS PASSED SENATE

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT**

1 To amend Code Section 40-5-27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 examination of applicants, so as to revise the criteria by which the Department of Driver
3 Services shall authorize certain licensed driver training schools to administer the on-the-road
4 driving skills testing; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal
5 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 40-5-27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to examination of
9 applicants, is amended by revising subsection (d) as follows:

10 "(d)(1) The department shall authorize licensed driver training schools to conduct
11 knowledge tests, on-the-road driving skills tests, and other tests required for issuance of
12 a driver's license as provided in this subsection. The department shall, prior to approving
13 a licensed driver training school to conduct tests as provided in this subsection, make a
14 determination that the school has been licensed for a minimum of two years and has
15 conducted driver education courses on a full-time basis for such two-year period and that
16 such school meets all other standards which the department may establish as a condition
17 for approval to conduct such tests. The department shall authorize a driver training
18 school licensed pursuant to Chapter 13 of Title 43 and approved by the department to
19 administer the on-the-road driving skills testing provided for in this Code section,
20 provided that the applicant has successfully completed:

21 (A) A driver training course which includes a minimum of 30 class hours of
22 instruction and six hours of private in-car training;

23 (B) An online driver education course licensed by the department and consisting of a
24 minimum of 30 hours of instruction in addition to six hours of private in-car instruction
25 provided by a driver training school licensed to provide such in-car training;

(C) An online driver education course licensed by the department and consisting of a minimum of 30 hours of instruction and the 40 hour parent taught in-car curriculum provided for and approved by the department;

(D) A classroom driver education course licensed by the department and consisting of a minimum of 30 hours of instruction in addition to six hours of in-car instruction provided by the licensed driver training school administering the on-the-road driving skills test; or

(E) A minimum of six hours of in-car instruction for persons 17 years of age or older with a licensed instructor employed by the licensed driver training school administering the on-the-road driving skills test.

(2) The department may establish by rules and regulations the type of tests or demonstrations to be made by applicants for any Class P instruction permit, Class C driver's license, or Class D driver's license under this Code section.

(2)(3) The department may authorize public and private high schools to conduct knowledge tests required for issuance of a Class P instruction permit or Class D driver's license or both."

SECTION 2.

43 This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2020.

SECTION 3.

45 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.